the highest ryotwari rate of the taluk in which the estates are situated for the same class of land, be limited to the assessment at that rate."

Major Panchayats in the State.

* 1266 *Q.*—SRI K. ADIKESAVALU NAIDU: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state the number of major panchayats in the State whose income is (i) more than Rs. 75,000 and (ii) more than Rs. 1,00,000?

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI:—"The number of panchayats, the income of each of which is more than rupees lakh per annum is seventeen while that of panchayats with an income exceeding Rs. 75,000, but not exceeding rupees one lakh, is twenty-one."

*Kondotti Producers-*cum*-Consumers' Co-operative Society, Malabar.*

* 1267 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP: Will the Hon. the Minister for Co-operation be pleased to state whether the Government have received a memorandum, dated 25th April 1953, from certain members of the Kondotti Producers-*cum*-Consumers' Co-operative Society, Malabar, touching the failure of the Registrar to take steps to hold elections to the Board of Directors of the Society; and, if so, what action has been taken?

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA:—"Yes, Sir. The memorandum was transferred to the Collector of Malabar for necessary action. The Collector has reported that three members of the Society whose nominations were rejected filed a Civil Suit in District Munsif's Court, Manjeri, and that the Court issued a permanent injunction restraining the Returning Officer from holding the elections. The suit stands posted to 7th August 1953."

Nellore Headquarters Hospital.

9-30 a.m. * 1268 *Q.*—SRI K. KRISHNA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that, in Nellore Headquarters Hospital, a large percentage of in-patients including surgical cases are made to lie on the floor, and if so, what arrangements are made to provide additional accommodation and additional beds, to meet the growing demand for hospital treatment in Nellore; and

(*b*) whether the sanctioned strength of nursing staff on duty, and nursing orderlies on duty, employed in Government hospitals are dependent on the sanctioned bed strength of the hospitals concerned or whether it is dependent on the actual number of in-patients to be served; and the number of beds or the number of in-patients each nurse or each nursing orderly should while on duty attend to, for the State and for the Nellore Headquarters Hospital?